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## Re: <u>APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC HEARING</u>

Hosston (Travis Peak) Formation, Cotton Valley "D" Zone, and Lower Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir A, SLIGO FIELD, Bossier Parish, Louisiana.

Dear Sir:

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DEVON ENERGY PRODUCTION COMPANY, L.P. ("Applicant"), hereby respectfully applies for a public hearing to consider evidence relative to the issuance of Orders pertaining to the following matters relating to the Hosston (Travis Peak) Formation, the Cotton Valley "D" Zone, and the Lower Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir A, all in the Sligo Field, Bossier Parish, Louisiana:

- 1. To permit Applicant to drill, designate and utilize an additional alternate unit well for HOSS TP SUB, and three (3) additional alternate unit wells for HOSS TP SUD, at the locations shown on attached plats.
- 2. To permit Applicant to drill, designate and utilize a substitute unit well for CV D SUH, and a substitute unit well and two (2) alternate unit wells for CV D SUJ, at the locations shown on attached plats.
- 3. To permit Applicant to drill, designate and utilize an additional alternate unit well for LCV RA SUT, and three (3) alternate unit wells for LCV RA SUV, at the locations shown on attached plats.
- 4. To approve exceptions to the well location provisions of Office of Conservation Order No. 8-B, effective September 1, 1956 (applicable to the Hosston (Travis Peak) Formation and to the Cotton Valley "D" Zone), and Office of Conservation Order No. 8-K, effective October 16, 1990 (applicable to the Lower Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir A), for any of the proposed wells the location of which, as shown on the attached plats, is not in compliance with the provisions of such Orders.

- 5. To find that drilling, designation and use of each of these wells is necessary to efficiently and economically drain a portion of the Hosston (Travis Peak) Formation, the Cotton Valley "D" Zone, and the Lower Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir A, underlying the units on which these wells are proposed to be drilled which cannot be efficiently and economically drained by any existing well within these units.
- 6. To permit the Operator of HOSS TP SUB, HOSS TP SUD, CV D SUJ, LCV RA SUT and LCV RA SUV to produce the allowables assigned to these units from either the unit well, any alternate unit well, or from any combination of such wells, at the option of the Operator.
- 7. To approve the downhole combination of production from the Hosston (Travis Peak) Formation, the Cotton Valley "D" Zone, and the Lower Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir A, or any combination thereof, in the wellbore of the proposed wells and in the wellbore of any existing well or subsequently drilled well located on the units affected by these proposals.
- 8. To consider such other matters as may be appropriate and justified by the evidence presented at the hearing.

The Lower Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir A, in the Sligo Field, Bossier Parish, Louisiana, was defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 8-K, effective October 16, 1990.

The Hosston (Travis Peak) Formation and the Cotton Valley "D" Zone in the Sligo Field, Bossier Parish, Louisiana, were defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 8-B, effective September 1, 1956.

Pertinent data concerning this application is available for inspection at the offices of Louis Gilbert & Associates, Inc., 3636 N. Causeway Boulevard, Suite 204, Metairie, Louisiana 70002-7216. Any person desiring to inspect such data should call Mr. Gilbert at (504) 834-8112 during normal business hours in order to arrange a date and time for such inspection. A copy of any such pertinent data which is not otherwise available from the records of the Louisiana Office of Conservation can be obtained from Applicant at the expense of the requesting party.

As provided by the Revised Rules of Procedure, the subject matter of this application does not require the issuance of a pre-application notice; therefore, no such notice has been issued.

Pursuant to the aforesaid Rules of Procedure, Applicant has made a reasonable effort to obtain the names and addresses of all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties to whom notice of this application is being sent and has attached hereto a list of the names

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and addresses of such parties. A copy of this letter and of each of the six (6) attached plats is being sent to the District Manager of the Shreveport District of the Office of Conservation and to each of the Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties shown on the attached list.

Applicant will provide for posting of a copy of the Legal Notice of this hearing and of the enclosed plats at a prominent place in the area affected and will cause publication of the Legal Notice in a newspaper published in the general area of Sligo Field, all in accordance with the Revised Rules of Procedure. Furthermore, a copy of the Legal Notice will be mailed to all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties promptly upon receipt of the Legal Notice from the Commissioner.

A check payable to the Office of Conservation and covering the application fee is enclosed.

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DLS:dp Enclosures

cc: Mr. Jim Broussard (w/encls.)

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Mr. Joel Alberts (w/encls.)

Mr. Louis Gilbert (w/encls.)
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Interested Owners, Represented

Parties and Interested Parties (w/plats only)











